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1. On 28 October the former Nationalist 3 Paratroop Regiment, which surrendered to the Communists and is still not trusted by them, was moved to a paratroop training base at Kaifeng, where it has been expanded into a brigade and placed under the direct command of the Chinese Communist Central Government. The former regimental commander, LIU, is now chief of staff, and the brigade is being trained by officers of the original regiment and 370 Soviet technicians.
2. The 8 Bomber Squadron, consisting of nine B-24 (sic) light bombers (sic), was recently sent from Mukden to Pachiao (sic) Airfield, Nanking, where members of this unit conduct daily practice flights. Five transport planes are also at this field, but they seldom fly.
3. On 4 December 1,300 men were graduated from the Chinese Communist Navy school at Nanking. One-third of these graduates are destined for duty on the naval ships LINGFU (靈甫) and CH'ANGCHIEH (長治) and were sent to Choushan (122- , 30-) on 6 December. It is rumored in Nanking that the USSR has given 8 naval vessels to the Chinese Communists.
4. Before 16 November three separate trains arrived in Shanghai from Manchuria carrying 30 anti-aircraft guns plus several dozen cases of searchlights and other equipment. The cargo was accompanied by 400 Soviet gunners.
5. There are seven jet planes at Lunghua Airfield, Shanghai, but they seldom fly. There are jet training planes and 20 Japanese Zero's at Kiangwan Airfield, none of which has been observed in flight. An air force school has been established at Wuchiaochang Barracks, Kiangwan; most of the students are from Peiping universities.
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